

Pro Se 1 (Rev. 09/16) Complaint for a Civil Case

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Massachusetts

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

(to be filled in by the Clerk's Office)

Galadriel Herdman PRO SE

Plaintiff(s)

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

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Former  
SecretarySonny Perdue, of Agriculture

Defendant(s)

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

+ Tom Vilsack, Former  
Secretary of Agriculture

## COMPLAINT FOR A CIVIL CASE

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DISTRICT OF MASS.

## I. The Parties to This Complaint

## A. The Plaintiff(s)

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name

Street Address

City and County

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Galadriel Herdman PRO SE  
95 Lakeside Ave  
Middletown, CT 06457  
Middletown, CT 06457  
503-888-0333  
Rahshine@aol.com

## B. The Defendant(s)

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (if known). Attach additional pages if needed.

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**Defendant No. 1**

Name

Sonny Perdue

Job or Title (if known)

Secretary of Agriculture - Former

Street Address

1400 Independent Ave., SW

City and County

Washington DC

State and Zip Code

Washington DC

Telephone Number

202-780-2791

E-mail Address (if known)

**Defendant No. 2**

Name

Tom Vilsack

Job or Title (if known)

Secretary of Agriculture

Street Address

1400 Independent Ave, SW

City and County

Washington DC

State and Zip Code

Washington DC

Telephone Number

202-780-2791

E-mail Address (if known)

**Defendant No. 3**

Name

Job or Title (if known)

Street Address

City and County

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address (if known)

**Defendant No. 4**

Name

Job or Title (if known)

Street Address

City and County

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address (if known)

**II. Basis for Jurisdiction**

Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction (limited power). Generally, only two types of cases can be heard in federal court: cases involving a federal question and cases involving diversity of citizenship of the parties. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, a case arising under the United States Constitution or federal laws or treaties is a federal question case. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, a case in which a citizen of one State sues a citizen of another State or nation and the amount at stake is more than \$75,000 is a diversity of citizenship case. In a diversity of citizenship case, no defendant may be a citizen of the same State as any plaintiff.

What is the basis for federal court jurisdiction? (check all that apply)



Federal question



Diversity of citizenship

Fill out the paragraphs in this section that apply to this case.

**A. If the Basis for Jurisdiction Is a Federal Question**

List the specific federal statutes, federal treaties, and/or provisions of the United States Constitution that are at issue in this case.

**B. If the Basis for Jurisdiction Is Diversity of Citizenship**

Disability Discrimination, Harassment, Hostile Work Environment

**1. The Plaintiff(s)****a. If the plaintiff is an individual**

The plaintiff, (name) Galadriel Herdman <sup>PRO SE</sup>, is a citizen of the State of (name) Connecticut.

**b. If the plaintiff is a corporation**

The plaintiff, (name) \_\_\_\_\_, is incorporated under the laws of the State of (name) \_\_\_\_\_, and has its principal place of business in the State of (name) \_\_\_\_\_.

(If more than one plaintiff is named in the complaint, attach an additional page providing the same information for each additional plaintiff.)

**2. The Defendant(s)****a. If the defendant is an individual**

The defendant, (name) Sonny Perdue or Tom Vilsack, is a citizen of the State of (name) Washington, DC Or is a citizen of (foreign nation) Former Secretary of Agriculture

## b. If the defendant is a corporation

The defendant, (name) Tom Vilsack, is incorporated under the laws of the State of (name) Washington DC, and has its principal place of business in the State of (name) Washington DC.  
 Or is incorporated under the laws of (foreign nation) \_\_\_\_\_, and has its principal place of business in (name) \_\_\_\_\_.

(If more than one defendant is named in the complaint, attach an additional page providing the same information for each additional defendant.)

## 3. The Amount in Controversy

The amount in controversy-the amount the plaintiff claims the defendant owes or the amount at stake-is more than \$75,000, not counting interest and costs of court, because (explain):

Up to \$300,000 ~~HH~~

## III. Statement of Claim

Write a short and plain statement of the claim. Do not make legal arguments. State as briefly as possible the facts showing that each plaintiff is entitled to the damages or other relief sought. State how each defendant was involved and what each defendant did that caused the plaintiff harm or violated the plaintiff's rights, including the dates and places of that involvement or conduct. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

Disability Discrimination and harassment by my supervisor. Denied and/or ignored accommodation. Detail to follow on letter included

## IV. Relief

State briefly and precisely what damages or other relief the plaintiff asks the court to order. Do not make legal arguments. Include any basis for claiming that the wrongs alleged are continuing at the present time. Include the amounts of any actual damages claimed for the acts alleged and the basis for these amounts. Include any punitive or exemplary damages claimed, the amounts, and the reasons you claim you are entitled to actual or punitive money damages.

Compensatory damages-loss of wages, expenses, emotional harm and suffering-mental anguish, loss of enjoyment of life at work, PTSD. Can write follow up ~~letter~~ with more detail on letter included. Also, inability to pay bills, rent, utilities, credit cards, etc... Not able to work for another gov. job.

**V. Certification and Closing**

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

**A. For Parties Without an Attorney**

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing: March 10, 2021

Signature of Plaintiff

Printed Name of Plaintiff

Gabriel Herdman PRO SE  
Gabriel Herdman

**B. For Attorneys**

Date of signing: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Attorney

Printed Name of Attorney

Bar Number

Name of Law Firm

Street Address

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address